

13 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NIS Production in Commerce

1. In Room 3864, Commerce, I discussed with Mr. Key the procedure on State review. He said he would try to make it work.
2. I handed him the production schedule for the remainder of the year, and a sheet showing quality ratings and status of production.
3. We then went to see Mr. Simpson to get his reaction to Mr. Key's idea of combining Section 64 and 65. Key had visualized a new organization with Thibodeaux in charge, presumably as a GS-15, with Key and some other GS-14 in charge of Trade and Finance and Manufacturing respectively. Simpson said that such an activity would have to be transferred out of the Bureau of International Commerce and attached to a higher level, presumably to some assistant secretary. He named an assistant secretary who had nothing to do and should like to acquire a staff in this manner. The loss of the NIS from Simpson's office would make no difference, he said. I said the need for such an arrangement would depend on the logic of a combined end product. Thibodeaux and Key were experimenting with a combination of the outline. If an acceptable outline is drafted, we would then study the matter in OBI. The whole thing was tentative and we might end up by forgetting all about it. I thanked Mr. Simpson for his personal interest in the NIS. He said he was trying to give us the fullest support.

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